[English]

Rural University in Kerala

4694. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for starting Rural University in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Roads Connecting Metro-cities

4695. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE:
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to connect all the metropolitan cities with their rural and industrial hinterlands by road;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years on such projects implemented in Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras respectively;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve private entrepreneurs in developing such types of infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) Government of India is primarily responsible for development of National Highways in the country which generally connects the State Capitals and Major Cities throughout the country. Development of the road network connecting the rural and specific industrial areas to the National Highways is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, Government has taken steps to involve private sector in the development of National Highways as a supplement to the efforts being made through Budgetary support. NH act has already been amended to permit private sector participation in development of National Highways. The allotment for National Highways for the country including those linking Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras for the last three years are as under:-

Years	N + (Allotment) (Rs. in lakhs)	M & R
1993-94	49493.00	20982.00
1994-95	63029.50	24690.00
1995-96	67831.00	28443.96

Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Treaty

4696. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDU LAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the features of Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Treaty;

(b) the date by which the Treaty is to expire;

(c) whether India and Bangladesh propose to renew the Treaty;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) The Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Peace between India and Bangladesh was signed on March 19, 1972; and is valid for 25 years. i.e. till March 18, 1997. The Treaty is aimed at fraternal and good neighbourly relations between the two countries and is based on the tenets of non-alignment, peaceful co-existence, mutual cooperation and non-interference in each other's internal affairs and mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty. The Treaty also stipulates that both the countries shall refrain from any aggression against each other and shall not allow the use of their territories for committing any act that may cause military damage to or constitute a threat to the security of either countries.

(c) to (e) The Government of Bangladesh have no conveyed any official communication expressing their views on the Treaty. The question of whether the Treaty should be renewed may be considered by Government at the appropriate time.

[Translation]

Nasha Mukti Capsule

4697. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to free the drunkards from the habit of consuming alcohol, an ayurvedic capsule called 'Nasha Mukti Capsule' has been developed;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the said capsule is being sold in the market; and

(d) if so, the price of the capsule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Haryana, the State Government Ayurvedic Department in consultation with Ayurvedic physician at Shri Krishna Government Ayuervdic College have developed a formulation, namely, 'Nasha Mukti Capsules' for trial and use on alcohol addicted persons. These capsules are being tried in Government Ayurvedic dispensaries/hospitals of the State of Haryana. It is not being sold in the open market.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Development of Transport Sector

4698. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts have pointed out that integrated development of transport sector likely to cost a colossal amount of one lakh crores over the next five years if the targetted real GDP growth rate of 7-8% a year is intended to be achieved;

(b) if so, the total requirement of Central funds for the road development during the next five years;

(c) whether transport finances available are far short of the requirement despite the formulation of plans by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps that are being considered to meet the shortage of funds in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Funds for Development of Colleges

4699. SHRI K.S. RAYADU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the budget for the development of colleges in each educationally backward districts in the country during 1996-97.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants, in relaxation of the prescribed norms, to all eligible colleges located in backward areas of the country. Development grants are allocated for the Plan period as a whole and not on a year-to-year basis. Such grants are, however, released on a yearly basis on receipt of Utilisation Certificates in respect of grants paid earlier, progress reports in respect of the building projects, etc.

Export of Blood Samples

4700. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that export of blood samples are against the country's interest;

(b) whether the Government have taken any concrete step to stop such exports as apprehended by Bio-technology experts in the country; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Export of blood samples for sophisticated testing not available in the country, is permissible as such tests are beneficial to the consumers.

(b) and (c) Export of blood for commercial purposes is banned under the provisions of the Import Trade Control Policy. Blood samples can be exported for testing purposes only after obtaining an Export Licence from the Director General, Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.

Arrest of Indian Fishermen by Sri Lanka and Pakistan

4701. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to prevent the arrest and detention of Indian fishermen by Srilankan and Pakistani authorities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : Coast Guard authorities conduct regular meetings with the Indian fishing community wherein fishermen are educated about the limits of Indian seas.